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Task Book: Assessment Guide

Cadre: Logistics

Organization: Service Branch

Position: Service Branch Director

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Position Task Book: Purpose

Position task books have been developed for positions within the Disaster Workforce. Each task book lists the essential tasks for the specific position.

Task books are designed to:

- Describe the tasks to be performed for a given position.
- Determine training needs of individual employees.
- Serve as a tool for promoting task-related performance feedback throughout a deployment.
- Record performance assessment data.

At the completion of a deployment, your supervisor will identify the tasks you were able to perform and the tasks needing improvement. Task books do **NOT** replace the standard performance appraisal process.

Responsibilities

Listed below are the responsibilities associated with completion of this position task book.

The **Individual Employee** is responsible for:

- Reviewing and understanding instructions in this task book.
- Identifying desired objectives/goals related to the assigned tasks and subtasks.
- Providing background information to the supervisor.
- Demonstrating the ability to perform all tasks and subtasks for an assigned position.
- Working with the supervisor to improve performance as needed.

The **Supervisor** is responsible for:

- Being qualified and proficient in the position being evaluated or seeking technical assistance from someone who is qualified.
- Meeting with the individual employee and determining past experience, current qualifications, and desired objectives/goals.
- Reviewing task and subtask expectations with the individual employee.
- Explaining to the individual employee the evaluation procedures that will be used.
- Accurately evaluating and recording demonstrated performance of tasks and subtasks.
- Completing the evaluation record within this task book.
- Providing constructive feedback to the employee.
- Suggesting steps for improving performance as needed.

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Assessment Instructions

This task book is used to guide the performance assessment process. Onsite supervisory personnel will assess members of the Disaster Workforce cadres using this document and provide feedback. This assessment process is to document performance of required tasks and to identify development plans for improvement.

Who Must Receive an Assessment? All personnel

must receive an assessment. The information gathered from this assessment process can be used to support the performance appraisal process.

When Is Performance Assessed?

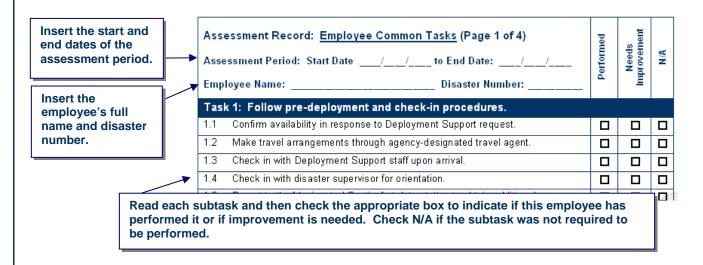
Mandatory: This assessment MUST be completed at the end of the deployment.

Optional: An interim assessment may be conducted when there is:

- A change in job title.
- A change in supervisor.
- Job performance indication that improvement is needed.
- An employee request for an assessment.

How Is the Assessment Completed?

Review the tasks listed. These task lists should be used to help you collect performance information. To collect performance information, you should observe the employee. Make sure you have specific examples of the employee's strengths and weaknesses. Then, complete the assessment record as follows:



After each set of tasks, add comments on the employee's strengths and areas for improvement. It is recommended that you conduct a feedback session in order to:

- Highlight accomplishments and positive performance.
- Provide constructive feedback in areas that need further development.

Find a private location to conduct the session. During the feedback session, you may want to:

- Begin by asking the individual to comment on his or her strengths and weaknesses.
- Next, present a summary of the overall performance strengths demonstrated during the performance period.
- Then, review the assessment record and comments. Discuss the areas requiring performance improvement.
- Encourage the individual to make comments regarding the assessment.
- Finally, sign and date each section.

Cadre: Logistics

Organization: Service Branch Position: Service Branch Director

Employee Common Tasks

- Follow pre-deployment and check-in procedures.
- Follow check-out procedures.
- Complete ongoing administrative procedures.
- Establish and maintain positive and ethical behaviors during interpersonal, intra-agency, and interagency interactions.
- Help resolve problems/issues and make effective decisions.
- Prepare written reports and other documents.
- Communicate orally with others to exchange and clarify information.
- Exhibit an understanding of relevant safety and security procedures.

Service Branch Director Position-Specific Tasks

- Manage the site setup.
- Manage Service Branch operations.
- Coordinate the phase down of the Service Branch.
- Manage Service Branch staff.
- Develop required reports.
- Create an open and team-based work environment.
- Oversee the ongoing professional development of assigned personnel.
- Perform closeout operations.

Assessment Record: Employee Common Tasks (Page 1 of 4)		Performed	Needs Improvement	N/A
	ssment Period: Start Date/ to End Date:/	Perf	Ne	~
Empl	oyee Name: Disaster Number:		=	
	1: Follow pre-deployment and check-in procedures.			
1.1	Confirm availability in response to Deployment Support request.			
1.2	Make travel arrangements through agency-designated travel agent.			
1.3	Check in with Deployment Support staff upon arrival.			
1.4	Check in with disaster supervisor for orientation.			
1.5	Complete check-in procedures at duty station to obtain additional information.			
1.6	Complete appropriate forms .			
1.7	Report to the Logistics Helpdesk to obtain requisition for accountable property and network access.			
1.8	Obtain authorization for accountable property from supervisor.			
1.9	Locate assigned workspace.			
1.10	Pick up equipment (e.g., computer, phone) as required. ().			
1.11	Obtain pertinent information about the operation (about the disaster, Field Office (FO), facility safety and security).			
1.12	Review the task book for assigned position and clarify supervisor expectations as needed.			
1.13	Display OSPR identification in the proper manner (i.e., wear badge above the waist).			
1.14	Demonstrate full and consistent compliance with all pre-deployment policies and check-in procedures.			
Task	2: Follow check-out procedures.			
2.1	Schedule debriefing session with supervisor to complete the task book assessment record and performance appraisal.			
2.2	Submit final time and attendance (T&A) statement signed by supervisor.			
2.3	Make return travel arrangements through agency-designated travel agent.			
2.4	Prepare final travel voucher in coordination with the Cost Unit.			
2.5	Return equipment for release.			
2.6	Clear workstation and return supplies to Supply Unit.			
2.7	Submit check-out form(s) with supporting documentation (e.g., task book assessment record, performance appraisal form) as instructed.			
2.8	Check out through Deployment Support staff with required information (e.g., job completed, rotation).			
2.9	Demonstrate full and consistent compliance with all policies and check-out procedures.			

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Asse	essment Record: <u>Employee Common Tasks</u> (Page 2 of 4)	Performed	Needs Improvement	N/A	
Task	3: Complete ongoing administrative procedures.				
3.1	Update Deployment Support and onsite supervisor with any changes in duty station, lodging, and/or emergency contact as needed.				
3.2	Complete T&A reports and input into automated system or submit for processing (bi-weekly).				
3.3	Prepare travel voucher in coordination with the Cost Unit on a bi-weekly basis.				
3.4	Get limited approvals (e.g., rental cars) renewed, as appropriate, on extended deployments.				
3.5	Reconcile Government credit card account statements with approved travel vouchers in accordance with split-pay policy.				
3.6	Demonstrate full and consistent compliance with all administrative procedures.				
Task 4: Establish and maintain positive and ethical behaviors during interpersonal, intra-agency, and interagency interactions.					
4.1	Maintain a high standard of ethics required of employees that is consistent with core values.				
4.2	Demonstrate sensitivity to cultural diversity, race, gender, disabilities, and other individual differences in accordance with the nondiscrimination policy.				
4.3	Take measures to safeguard confidential information and records.				
4.4	Foster consensus building among coworkers, supervisors, and others.				
4.5	Cultivate professional relationships with coworkers and others to exchange information and work effectively.				
4.6	Handle differences/disputes with others in a positive, constructive manner.				
4.7	Represent OSPR in a professional manner when working with internal and external parties.				
4.8	Establish an effective rapport with individuals who are initially difficult, emotional, or distressed.				
4.9	Relate effectively to people from varied backgrounds and different situations.				
4.10	Comply with chain-of-command principles by operating within the established lines of authority.				
4.11	Exhibit appropriate public stewardship of taxpayer dollars.				
4.12	Complete tasks using time and resources effectively and efficiently (e.g., keep travel time to a minimum, obtain lodging that is appropriate to duty station).				

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Task	5: Help resolve problems/issues and make effective decisions.			
5.1	Adapt behavior and work methods in response to new information, changing conditions, or unexpected obstacles.			
5.2	Identify and analyze issues and problems.			
5.3	Confer with coworkers, supervisor, and/or others as appropriate when making decisions.			
5.4	Generate alternative solutions or strategies to address problems or needs.			
5.5	Assess the impact of alternatives on the overall operation and work unit.			
5.6	Recommend alternative solutions or strategies for addressing the problems/issues.			
5.7	Contribute to group problem-solving efforts.			
5.8	Implement group-derived solutions or strategies to address problems/issues.			
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5.10	Deal effectively with pressure; maintain focus and intensity and remain optimistic and persistent, even under adverse conditions.			
5.11	Exercise good judgment by making sound, well-informed, and timely decisions.			
Task	6: Prepare written reports and other documents.			
6.1	Write documents using "plain English" that are well organized and appropriate for the intended audience.			
6.2	Write clear and concise emails and other written documents.			
6.3	Use email and other official modes of written communication for business purposes only.			
6.4	Use computer software and programs required to support task performance.			
6.5	Submit written documents through the proper channels.			
6.6	Proofread written documents before submission to ensure correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.			
6.7	Produce reports using established formats and on required forms.			
6.8	Develop written materials that are complete and accurate.			
Task	7: Communicate orally with others to exchange and clarify informati	on.		
7.1	Share relevant information and/or developments with coworkers, as necessary.			
7.2	Explain decisions, conclusions, findings, or recommendations to the appropriate person or group.			
7.3	Attend meetings to obtain information for use in programs, or to inform management of program status.			
7.4	Represent the cadre's role in a manner that promotes awareness of capabilities, services, and accomplishments.			

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Tasl	k 8: Exhibit an understanding of relevant safety and security procedu	res.		
8.1	Provide for the safety, welfare, and accountability of coworkers during the entire period of deployment.			
8.2	Safeguard property and equipment.			
8.3	Communicate potentially hazardous situations to immediate supervisor or Safety Officer.			
8.4	Take necessary precautions when hazards exist.			
8.5	Protect personal information to prevent identity theft.			
8.6	Comply with mandatory Information Technology security procedures.			
8.7	Comply with the violence in the workplace policy.			
Employee Common Tasks and Subtasks Comments				
Assessment Date:/				
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Assessment Record: Service Branch Director Position-Specific Tasks (Page 1 of 4) Assessment Period: Start Date/ to End Date:/ Employee Name: Disaster Number:		Performed	Needs Improvement	N/A
Task	1: Manage the setup.			
1.1	Participate in planning sessions with the IC and Section Chiefs, as requested.			
1.2	Identify the logistics support requirements for the setup in conjunction with the Logistics Section Chief.			
1.3	Purchase through the Ordering Unit required equipment and material not available from pre-positioned assets.			
1.4	Manage the delivery of pre-positioned equipment (e.g., desks and partitions) and purchased equipment and materials necessary to set up the facility.			
1.5	Identify and obtain reproduction/printer assets (e.g., copiers).			
1.6	Submit Service Branch functional planning information to the Logistics Section Chief for consolidation and input into the Planning Section's Incident Action Plan/ Coordination Plan.			
Task	2: Manage Service Branch operations.	П	П	П
2.1	Supervise the Service Branch, which may include several Units and a contingent of interdisciplinary personnel, and monitor its compliance with .			
2.2	Verify that Unit Leaders and other personnel are qualified for their jobs and knowledgeable of the logistics principles, policies, and regulations required for a disaster response and operation.			
2.3	Determine the most efficient and timely methods to support the operational requirements, in conjunction with the Logistics Section Chief.			
2.4	Work closely with other Logistics Section Branch Directors and Unit Leaders to obtain needed resources (e.g., equipment, material, and services) and to			
	coordinate support needs.			

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Task	3: Coordinate the phase down of the Service Branch.			
3.1	Participate in Logistics Section Chief demobilization planning meetings.			
3.2	Submit a Service Branch staff reduction plan, including release dates and planned awards/personnel recognition and performance appraisals, for Branch personnel.			
3.3	Coordinate initial personnel deactivations with the Logistic Section Chief and other Branch Directors.			
3.4	Manage the recovery of Government-owned equipment and materials from deactivated operations personnel and determine the appropriate disposition (return assets to pre-positioned posture or disposal).			
3.5	Direct the disassembly of the site and warehouse, and coordinate the return of Government-owned materials to their pre-positioned posture.			
3.6	Coordinate the update of records, and submit final reports to the Logistics Section Chief.			
3.7	Release personnel based on the demobilization plan.			
Task	4: Manage Service Branch staff.			
4.1	Identify and meet staffing requirements.			
4.2	Assign tasks and establish priorities for staff members to balance the workload.			
4.3	Verify that adequate supervisors are assigned to maintain an optimal span of control.			
4.4	Provide clear direction, assignments, and guidance to effectively structure and organize work activities, maximize productivity, and fulfill the incident objectives.			
4.5	Brief Service Branch staff members on relevant parts of the Incident Action Plan/ Coordination Plan and information received from meetings.			
4.6	Develop and communicate emergency procedures that are consistent with the safety and security plans, in a timely manner.			
4.7	Provide for the safety and welfare of assigned personnel during the entire period of supervision.			
4.8	Establish and communicate basic work procedures (e.g., work hours, rotation schedule, contact list, staggering of work hours).			
4.9	Monitor employee performance to assess the need for possible rest or rotation.			
4.10	Assess the need for and monitor the use of overtime hours, avoiding unnecessary expenditures.			
4.11	Lead by example through acting in a fair and ethical manner toward others and demonstrating commitment to public service.			
4.12	Write performance appraisals and discuss the results with staff members.			
4.13	Complete task book assessment records and discuss the results with staff members.			

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Task	5: Develop required reports.				
5.1	Obtain and evaluate periodic status reports from staff and others.				
5.2	Provide situation report information to the Logistics Section Chief or Support Branch Director.				
5.3	Provide situation updates to the Logistics Section Chief or Support Branch Director in preparation for the Briefing.				
5.4	Inform the Logistics Section Chief or Support Branch Director of any and all problems that may affect the delivery of disaster response and recovery assistance.				
5.5	Gather information to include in the required reports by monitoring work progress and collecting personal observations and reports from staff members.				
5.6	Review and approve Service Branch reports being provided to the Planning Section.				
5.7	Maintain Unit Log (ICS Form 214).				
Task 6: Create an open and team-based work environment.					
6.1	Encourage open communication and input from assigned personnel.				
6.2	Foster consensus-building among assigned personnel.				
6.3	Create a work environment where individuals are treated fairly in accordance with guidelines.				
6.4	Promote a teamwork environment that encourages and requires individuals to share knowledge, work cooperatively, engage in continuous learning, and contribute fully to team-based efforts.				
6.5	Distribute work equitably and appropriately among team members.				
6.6	Take corrective action when problems arise.				
6.7	Recognize effective individual and team performance.				
Task	7: Oversee the ongoing professional development of assigned personal	onnel			
7.1	Conduct orientation sessions and arrange on-the-job training for new hires.				
7.2	Arrange for ongoing training and professional development for assigned personnel to develop required skill sets.				
7.3	Coach and guide personnel in techniques and skills for handling challenging interactions and difficult situations.				
7.4	Coach personnel so that they can develop and maintain skills.				
7.5	Verify that assigned personnel attend mandatory training.				

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Task 8: Perform closeout operations.					
8.1 Determine from management when sites are to be closed.					
8.2 Perform the recovery of owned and leased equipment from the sites.					
Task 9: Perform other duties, as assigned.					
Service Branch Director Position-Specific Tasks and Subtasks Comments					
Assessment Date:/					
Supervisor: Employee:					